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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
YOSHIHIKO WATANABE) Examiner: Y. Kassa
Application No.: 09/593,775) Group Art Unit: 2625
Filed: June 14, 2000)
For: REDUCED IMAGE FORMING)
METHOD AND APPARATUS : January 4, 2005

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

A Notice of Allowance was mailed in the above-identified application on October 5, 2004. In lieu of paying the Issue Fee at this time, a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) is being submitted herewith. Prior to continued examination on the merits, Applicant respectfully requests that the above-identified application be amended as follows. The claim amendments are reflected in the listing that begins at page 2, and the Remarks are at page 15.